

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 80

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Jim Dodge on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Jim Dodge is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for over 34 years with State Farm Insurance; he will soon take his well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, shortly after graduating from Kent State University, Mr. Dodge began his illustrious career as a Claim Representative in the State Farm Office in Middleburg Heights, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, as his talent was noted by his superiors, Jim Dodge was transferred to Florida, serving State Farm clients in St. Petersburg, New Port Richey and Tampa; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Mr. Dodge accepted a position in the West Tennessee Auto Division, serving as the Divisional Claim Superintendent; he was eventually promoted to Memphis Auto Section Manager; and

WHEREAS, under the capable hand of Jim Dodge, the Memphis Claims Operation has consistently performed at a superior level; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Dodge has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his remarkable work in the automobile insurance industry, Jim Dodge has given generously of his time and talents to improve the lives of others; he has coached Little League baseball and football, served as a member of the Historic Commission of Germantown and actively supported the Germantown Young Life Club's Latin American Mission Team; and

WHEREAS, his professional and civic accomplishments aside, Mr. Dodge is tremendously grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his high school sweetheart and wife of forty years, Barbara; their son, Keith, and his wife, Joelle; their daughter, Tracy, and her husband, Chuck; and their granddaughter, Jane; and

WHEREAS, Jim Dodge exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Mr. Jim Dodge for his many years of astute service with State Farm Insurance and wish him a restful, healthy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.